and Southern regions respectively. Therefore, it is not appropriate to club the candidates from Orissa with those from Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh for the purpose of recruitment into the Army.

No relaxation in the minimum physical standards of height is available for recruitment in the Air Force and the Navy from Orissa.

MiG Crashed

32. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether another MiG crashed on October 26, 2005 near Bangalore, if so, the cause of the crash;

(b) the number and types of MiGs left with the Indian Air Force; and

(c) whether any common defect or deficiency has been identified in the MiG fleet and the steps taken to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident.

(b) Details can not be divulged due to security reasons.

(c) No, Sir. However, measures are being continuously undertaken to upgrade/improve the Indian Air Force fleet, including the MiG version, to keep pace with the latest developments.

Crash of UAVs

†33. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned aircraft that crashed during the last two years till date;

(b) whether a number of persons have been killed or injured in such crashes and the financial loss suffered by Government as a result thereof;

(c) whether inquiry has been conducted in each such crash;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.